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TAGS: MOPS, MASS, MMOL, CB

SUBJECT: FANK'S PLANS TO REINFORCE THE LOWER MEKONG

REF: PHNOM PENH 2261

1. IN PARAGRAPH 3 REFTTEL, I REPORTED THAT I PLANNED TO SEE THE MARSHAL AND FIND OUT WHICH BRIGADE HE PLANNED TO INSERT ON THE LOWER MEKONG IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT CONVOY. CINC/FANK SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ HAS RESOLVED THE PROBLEM DIRECTLY WITH THE MARSHAL, AND THERE IS THEREFORE NO NEED FOR ME TO SEE THE MARSHAL ON THIS MATTER.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE 85TH BRIGADE AT KOMPONG CHAM WILL REMAIN THERE. ONE BATTALION OF THE 65TH AND ONE FROM THE 83RD BRIGADE WILL COME OUT OF KOMPONG CHAM AND TWO ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS FROM THE PHNOM PENH AREA WILL BE SENT TO NEAK LUONG. THIS IN TURN WILL FREE THE 4TH BRIGADE PRESENTLY IN NEAK LUONG TO BE INSERTED LOWER DOWN ON THE MEKONG NORTH OF PEAM REANG ISLAND.

3. SINCE THE ABOVE APPEARS TO BE THE BEST SOLUTION AT

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PRESENT TO THE PROBLEM OF FINDING TROOPS FOR THE BANKS

OF THE LOWER MEKONG, THERE WAS NO POINT IN REHASHING IT  
WITH THE MARSHAL. HE KNOWS, AS DO ALL THE OTHER KHMER  
LEADERS, THAT THE FUTURE OF CAMBODIA RIDES ON THE  
SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE NEXT EFFORT TO BRING A CONVOY  
UP THE MEKONG.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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